



AIR FORCE ANNOUNCES MAJOR SELECTS; TWO AT NRO
Two more Team V captains will be trading in their bars for major leafs within the next year. The following National Reconnaissance Office captains were selected:
Gary Bain
Gary Lund



Base News Briefs

THRIFT SAVINGS PROGRAM ENROLLMENT SEASON OPENS

Effective Tuesday, Active Duty members are eligible to sign up for the thrift savings plan, a retirement and investment savings plan, previously available only to federal civilian employees. For information visit the TSP website at www.tsp.gov. Once people have downloaded and filled out the forms they can drop them off at finance in building 11777 room A-115.

INFORMATION MANAGERS MEETING WEDNESDAY

The base functional manager has scheduled an information managers call for all 3A0's Wednesday, at 3 p.m. in Building 8317. The briefing will discuss the Air Expeditionary Forces deployment process. Maximum participation is required. Call, Master Sgt. Doug Fischer at 606-9054 with questions.

PACIFIC COAST CLUB HOLDS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Pacific Coast Club is conducting a membership drive through mid November. For more information, call 606-3330.

MED GROUP OFFERS CPR CLASS

The 30th Medical Group is holding an American Heart Association CPR instructor course Oct. 23 and 24 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the 30th Medical Group Auditorium. The class is designed to teach CPR to individuals wishing to provide instruction to unit personnel. For information or to sign up, call Senior Airman Michael Napolitano, CPR Program Director, at 606-5521.

2001 VEHICLE REGISTRATION DECALS EXPIRE SOON

The 30th Security Forces Squadron pass and registration office reminds base drivers to ensure their vehicle registrations are updated before the end of the new year. The "01" Air Force Form 2219 expires Dec. 31. Everyone assigned to Vandenberg is required to register their privately-owned vehicles on base. Registration must be done within three work days after the vehicle initially enters the base. This is required regardless of the expiration date on the Air Force Form 2219, Year Expiration Tab, issued at the member's last assignment. For more information, call pass and registration at 606-1853.

BREAKERS STAFF INVITES FAMILIES TO DINNER

To help ease the stress of being separated from spouses, moms and dads, the 30th Services Squadron Staff will start a weekly dinner Thursday at the Breakers dining facility from 6 to 7 p.m. The dinner hour is open to all family members of personnel deployed overseas in support of an operation. TDYs within the U. S. don't qualify. To participate, family members must bring a copy of their spouses' orders to the Services Squadron front office (Bldg. 11013 at 1036 California Blvd just across from Bldg. 11777). For more information, call 606-5031.

SECDEF EXTENDS PERMISSIVE TDY FOR MEMBERS

The office of the secretary of defense policy permitting permissive temporary duty assignments to ease the transitions to civilian life for military members separating or retiring was extended indefinitely. This change will be reflected in the next revision of Department of Defense Directive 1327.5 *Leave and Liberty*. For more information, call 606-4948.

30th Weather Squadron's weekend forecast

Vandenberg will have patchy fog in the mornings and sunny afternoons.



Low/High
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Visit the 30th Weather Squadron's website at www.vandenberg.af.mil/30sw/organizations/30og/weather/weather/index.html to get a five-day forecast.

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Mighty launch



PHOTO BY BILL HARTENSTEIN



PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1st CLASS JESSICA RAMOS

Team Vandenberg successfully launched a Titan IV-B rocket carrying a national security payload from Space Launch Complex 4 East Oct. 5. This was the first Titan IV-B launched from Vandenberg this year. The last Vandenberg Titan IV launch occurred Aug. 17, 2000.

(Left) Rob Sharp and his son, Jordon (7) look for the Titan IV as it disappeared into the low clouds. It was Jordon's first time viewing a launch. More than 600 people gathered at the rod and gun club and along 36th Street to view the Titan IV launch. The next scheduled launch is a Delta II from Space Launch Complex 2 East. The Delta II will carry the QuickBird satellite into orbit. QuickBird is a commercially available high resolution imagery satellite.

Hot shot wins firefighter of year

By 2nd LT. KELLY MASTERS

30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ One of Vandenberg's own firefighters has been chosen Firefighter of the Year.

Senior Airman John Crook, Vandenberg fire protection journeyman was honored at an award presentation dinner hosted annually by the Elks Lodge in Santa Maria to honor civilian and military firefighters named Firefighter of the Year within their department.

Every year, one Santa Barbara County firefighter in each department is recognized as having gone above and beyond his peers, said Vandenberg Fire Chief, Mark Farias.

One is selected for embodying all aspects of job superiority, including excellent leadership skills, tireless dedication, technical proficiency and community involvement, he said.

This year it was Crook who stood apart as surpassing all of the expectations for someone being named Firefighter of the Year, Farias said. The dangerous, vitally important nature of this work requires that it be a part of who a firefighter is not just what he does.

Farias said being someone who punches a clock isn't going to cut it. "Everyone has been talking to me about leadership, but I just love my job," Crook said. "Since I've been here, there's not been one single day where I don't want to come to work."

In addition to his regular duties, Crook said he enjoys volunteering his time participating in community activities like parades and the Flower Festival. He's also worked with children, dressing as Sparky the Fire Dog and Smokey the Bear in order to teach fire and safety education programs.

According to Farias the fire department here at VAFB is made up roughly of 70 percent civilian personnel, making Crook's selection even more noteworthy.

His skill is made further evident by the fact that he is the only military member chosen from the Department of Defense to join the prestigious Hot Shot Crew.

To become a Hot Shot, Crook completed 96 hours of highly specialized classroom and hands-on training.

"It's kind of like a TDY. I get to see country most people my age don't get to see," Crook said. "There's a lot of

pride for me working with these guys."

"He doesn't lead from the front, he leads from the middle by pulling the team together," Farias said.

Somebody talking up front often defines leadership, but more often it's the quiet, hardworking one in the middle whose presence and contribution is valued the most.

Firefighters train continually for a job that is often sudden, intense and volatile. The outcome of their work affects land, wildlife, property and, most importantly, human life, Farias said.

Later, while staying overnight in Sacramento, a news report stated that the driver had fallen asleep at the wheel and left the roadway traveling at about 80 mph. The driver, who wasn't wearing a seatbelt, survived the accident.

"This is a great deed," said Lt. Col. John Anderson, 532nd TRS commander. "We are very proud of his selfless actions."

VANDENBERG PREPARES FOR PROTEST

■ A civilian protest is scheduled for Saturday at the main gate from noon to 4 p.m. The following information has been included as a reference for Vandenberg members and visitors during the protest:

- ♦ **Gates:** Lompoc and Utah Gates will be the only North base gates open Saturday during the protest. A 100-percent identification check will be in effect at all gates. Timber Lane will be the only entry to east housing.
- ♦ **Travel:** Anyone traveling to Santa Maria must use Utah Gate and Firefighter Road. For people traveling to Lompoc, it's best to use Lompoc Gate. Also, people wishing to golf will be asked to show proper identification to access the course.
- ♦ **North Base:** CalTrans will post "Congestion Ahead" signs at the intersections of Highway 135 and U.S.

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532nd TRS NCO risks life to save another

By MASTER SGT. LLOYD CONLEY

30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ Recently a missile facility instructor from the 532nd Training Squadron took a moment out of his life to save another.

Staff Sgt. Chris Labine was traveling with his family north along Interstate Highway 5, near Stockton, Calif. He said their trip had been uneventful until he drove through a large cloud of smoke on the highway.

On the other side of a wall of smoke was its cause – an overturned 18-wheeler.

"I never hesitated to go down the embankment to help the accident victim," Labine said.

After parking his vehicle, he made his way down the 20-foot embankment to the still-smoking big rig. As Labine neared the rig, he called out to the driver – there was no answer.

Labine said as he drew closer, he saw blood – it was all over the inside of the semi's cab – but no driver in sight.

The driver, disoriented and lapsing in and out of consciousness, had struggled out of the cab and ended up wedged between the truck's rear wheels and the overturned trailer. He'd lost a lot of blood from wounds to his head, neck and shoulder.

By that time, other drivers had stopped to render aid and had called the California Highway Patrol to report the accident.

Meanwhile, fuel was leaking from the smoking wreck and it was resting on unstable ground – it could slide at any moment – time was of the essence, he said. So, with the assistance of another person, Labine moved the victim up the embankment to a safer location.

Labine said his Air Force self-aid and buddy-care training made his reactions instinctive.

Knowing the driver could go into shock, Labine applied pressure to reduce bleeding while his wife Alicia retrieved blankets from their vehicle.

"Once we had the driver out of harm's way, my wife Alicia took over to make sure the driver was comfortable and stabilized until medical help arrived," Labine said. "She started and kept talking to him to keep him conscious and oriented until the paramedics arrived."

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Anderson has nominated Labine for the Airman's Medal.



PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1st CLASS JESSICA RAMOS

Staff Sgt. Chris Labine



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Senior Airman John Crook, Vandenberg firefighter, was honored as Firefighter of the Year during the Santa Maria Elks Lodge annual firefighter awards.



Col. Robert M. Worley II
Commander,
30th Space Wing

Commander’s Action line

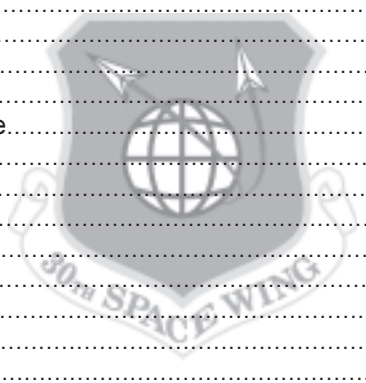
Mission success is our top priority, and the talented men and women of Team Vandenberg get it done with excellence. Key to the effectiveness of any great team is good communication. The 30th Space Wing Commander’s Action Line is your direct communication link to me. It provides an avenue for you to voice your concerns, share constructive ideas, or give your Vandenberg teammates a pat on the back. I appreciate your input, and I am personally involved in every response.

While the Commander’s Action Line is a great way to communicate, don’t forget there are many other avenues to get answers to your questions including your chain of command, first sergeants, base services officials, and many other base professionals.

Thanks for helping to make Vandenberg such a great place to work and live. When calling the action line, please leave your name and phone number.

Call or e-mail at 606-7850 or actionline@vandenberg.af.mil

EMERGENCY.....	911
Information.....	411
Poison control.....	800-876-4766
Clinic appointments.....	606-2273
After-hours urgent care.....	888-252-3299
TRICARE services.....	800-242-6788
Health Care Information Line.....	800-611-2883
Law enforcement.....	606-3911
Housing maintenance.....	734-5586
Child Development Center.....	606-1555
MPF customer service.....	606-7756
Visitor control center.....	606-7662
Chaplain (after hours).....	606-9961
Red Cross (duty hours)	606-1855
Red Cross (after hours).....	800-660-4272
EOD (duty hours).....	605-1375
Base operator.....	606-1110
Public tours.....	606-3595



Protestors need space not attention

By LT. COL. MICHAEL PRUCEY

30th Security Forces Squadron Commander

You have to admit, Vandenberg AFB is in a great location on the Central Coast; temperate year-round climate, close to all sorts of leisure activities, the ocean, no traffic jams or urban sprawl — it’s just a great place to work and live!

Most importantly, Vandenberg is a key military installation known worldwide for what we do for our country; put payloads into space and test one part of our nation’s triad of nuclear deterrence — Peacekeeper and Minute-man missiles.

Put our location and mission together and you have a convenient, centrally located place to protest any issue one would have against the U.S. government, our nation’s policy concerning the military or anything else involving our national strategic objectives.

Vandenberg is a lightning rod for many anti-government protest activities in the Southern California area. Typically, the key location for protests here is at our main gate.

Last October, during an International Day of Protest, actor Martin Sheen was among more than two dozen people who were apprehended for trespassing on Vandenberg.

Saturday, is another scheduled International Day of Protest – and we will once again have a crowd at our gate.

With the tragedy of Sept. 11 still fresh in our minds and the activation of the U.S. military to engage in the war on terrorism, we had hoped those who organize protests would call for a moratorium on protest activities — but this is not the case.

Why are the protesters coming while most of the more than 5,000 people killed in and around the World Trade Center are still buried under the rubble? Because they can.

We live in a free county.

What’s their ‘beef’ with the government and the military? Who cares!

The worst

thing we can do Saturday is to give these misguided souls more attention than they deserve — they deserve nothing and should get exactly that — nothing!

Counter-protests will only draw more attention to their cause than what is necessary.

Most importantly, counter-protesters will place a bigger burden on your security forces and local police.

Take it from me – there’s no dealing with zealots and extremists.

The protesters making the trip to Vandenberg this weekend aren’t doing so to hear a counter point to their rhetoric. They’re hoping to get on the local news.

Patriotic Americans don’t need to assist them in getting a bigger story than expected.



PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS JESSICA RAMOS

Base cops prepare for trespassers during May 19 protests.



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Highway 1; and U.S. Highway 1 and Harris Grade Road. El Rancho road will be closed. The base picnic area will also be closed.

- ♦ **Information:** Team Vandenberg should report all suspicious activity or vehicles to the law enforcement desk at 606-3911.

Don't try to apprehend or detain suspicious people, observe and report only. Team Vandenberg members are encouraged to watch the Commander's Access Channel 2 for updates.

- ♦ **Awareness:** Remain vigilant at home and work. Also be aware of computer security.
- ♦ **Health:** In the unlikely event that security forces members are required to use tear gas for crowd control purposes, housing residents living in the vicinity of the main gate should close all windows and stay inside. People with asthma, respiratory problems and children should also remain indoors to avoid potential exposure.
- ♦ **Child care:** For information call the family child care program manager at 606-3255 or 606-4632.

Jumping at the challenge

■ Twenty-five Team Vandenberg NCOs graduated from the Senior NCO indoctrination course Sept. 28 here.

During the voluntary week-long course, graduates received a series of briefings and instruction from subject-matter experts and guest speakers. The course provided valuable leadership and management tools and emphasized the increased duties and responsibilities expected of them as Air Force senior non-commissioned officers.

“I’m really proud of the NCOs that took the time to attend this course,” said Col. Robert M. Worley II, 30th Space Wing commander. “It shows they are self-motivated and are stepping up to their new roles and responsibilities as senior NCOs.”

The following technical sergeants graduated from the course:

Atkins, Warren Jr. 14th Air Force
Blevins, Bradley 532nd Training Squadron
Caputo, Peter 381st Training Group
Corwin, John 30th Range Squadron

Davis, Brian 30th Civil Engineer Squadron
Deeney, John 30th Space Wing
Derksen, Gary II 30th SW
Elzy, Michael 532nd TRS
Gardner, Kurt 30th SW
Gates, Rodney 30th SW
Hayes, Edward Detachment 9
Hazen, Richard 532nd TRS
Jasinski, James 532nd TRS
Johnson, Larry Jr. 614th Space Operations Squadron
King, Dexter 576th Flight Test Squadron
Korsten, David 533rd Training Squadron
Littlewood, Kent 30th Comptroller Squadron
Logan, Danny 576th FLTS
Mosley, Terrence 30th Supply Squadron
Paggett, Debra (*Master Sgt.*) 392nd TRS
Ramsey, Robert 532nd TRS
Summers, Andre 30th Operations Support Squadron
Tucker, William (*Master Sgt.*) 76th Helicopter Flight
Wagers, Donald 30th Communications Squadron
Webber, Robert 30th CES

Air Force Recruiting Service beats goal, seeks special list

■ **RANDOLPH AFB, Texas** — After its most successful year in almost two decades, Air Force Recruiting Service stepped up its efforts to recruit engineers, doctors, dentists, nurses and other medical specialties to fill critical positions in fiscal 2002.

AFRS achieved 102 percent of its fiscal 2001 enlisted recruiting goal by bringing 35,381 airmen into the Air Force. The goal was 34,600. In terms of quality, more than 99 percent of those enlisting are high school graduates, and many have college credit.

“We had a phenomenal year for enlisted recruiting,” said Brig. Gen. Duane Deal, AFRS commander. “Our recruiters exceeded all expectations, including bringing 1,155 prior service and sister service members back onto active duty.

“However, a strong economy and competitive marketplace for engineers and health professionals continues to be our most formidable challenge,” he said. “We have intensified our efforts on officer accessions, and our recruiters are in full afterburner to meet the Air Force’s increasing needs.”

Deal also said that enlisted accessions recruiters have already started well against the new fiscal year with 45 percent of the contracts already signed to reach their 2002 goal of 36,000.

“Even though we start in a great position for success again in 2002, it’s very important that people know we are hiring,” he said. “We are working very hard to not only fill those 36,000 enlisted jobs with qualified young men and women, but to also fill critical officer positions, including doctors, dentists, nurses and engineers.”

Recent events have energized an already invigorated recruiting force. Following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, interest in the military, particularly calls to the (800) 423-8723 opportunities center and visits to the recruiting Web site, www.AirForce.com, soared.

However, recruiting officials said they caution that this surge in interest in the military is not likely to result in a wave of new recruits, and that accurate indicators of such an increase could be months away.

(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)



PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS JESSICA RAMOS

Mara Walton, thrift shop volunteer, and Tammie Byrd, president of the Vandenberg spouses club, bag clothing for a customer Wednesday at the thrift shop. Walton has been a volunteer at the shop for 15 years. The shop is open Wednesday and Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The shop donated \$16,000 to charities last year.

Thrift shop

A house of hidden treasures

By STAFF SGT. ANDREW LEONHARD
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ Weaving straw into gold may have been done in a fairytale, but one Vandenberg organization weaves discarded remnants into dreams.

This year the Vandenberg Thrift Shop has given more than \$6,000 for sports scholarships, the base food pantry and the airmen’s attic, said Sharon Owen, thrift shop chairperson. The thrift shop donated \$16,000 last year from proceeds on items sold on consignment or donated.

The monies raised go to support base and local charities such as Crestview and Los Padres Elementary Schools, the Space and Sea Girl Scout Troop and the Lompoc Museum.

All of the money the shop raises goes toward operating costs and charities, said Diane Gilmore, thrift shop office manager and bookkeeper. With only two paid employees, the thrift shop relies heavily on more than 20 volunteers to process consignment items and donations.

“People don’t have to work here 10 hours to volunteer,” said Gilmore. “We have people who just volunteer the use of their truck or help fix the price markers.”

“The retirees are the cornerstones of the workforce at the thrift shop,” said Owen.

Thanks to the dedicated staff, sales have put more than \$100,000 into the pockets of consignment item owners and the thrift shop last year.

With items ranging from books and clothes to curtains and furniture the shop has a wide variety of items for sale.

The thrift shop has everything a person needs and even things people never thought of, said Gilmore. There are holiday racks as well, said Owen. Right now the thrift shop has a rack of Halloween costumes and others with Christmas items.

For items sold on consignment, people receive 75 percent and the thrift shop receives 25 percent, said Owen.

Consignment sales last 60 days then the person can remove the item or the item can be donated to the thrift shop.

“This is a house of hidden treasures,” said Owen.

THRIFT SHOP FAST FACTS

- ♦ Open Wednesday and Friday 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. for sales and 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for consignments.
- ♦ Located in Building 11180 off New Mexico Avenue next to the Arts & Crafts shop.
- ♦ Phone 606-3128.

Community Calendar

EVENTS

12 FRI The Circle Bar B Dinner Theater in Santa Barbara presents the Neil Simon play **“Rumors”** now through Nov. 11. Show times on Fridays and Saturdays are at 8:15 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Call (805) 965-9652 for information.

13 SAT The **Guadalupe Beach Festival and Indigenous People Celebration** is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at Guadalupe Beach and Jack O’Connell Park on West Main Street. The event will include live music; cultural activities; a surfing, fishing and photo contest; a fun run and nature hikes. For information, call Ed Griggs at (805) 343-2052.

Kids Camp, sponsored by the base Fire Department, will be held at the Youth Center on Oct. 13 and 14 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For information, contact the Fire Prevention Office at 606-4680.

14 SUN A **wine and food tasting festival** celebrating the harvest of Santa Barbara with live music, demonstrations, exhibits and silent auction is scheduled from noon to 3 p.m. Sunday at Rancho Sisquoc Winery. For tickets and more information, call the winery (800) 218-0881 or visit the website at www.sbcountywines.com.

The **Harvest Moon Wine Auction**, a black-tie dinner and live auction benefiting Direct Relief International, will be held Sunday at the Bacara Resort and Spa. For advance ticket orders, call (800) 218-0881.

Coastal Quilters Guild presents **Harvest of Colors** Sunday and Monday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Earl Warren Showgrounds in Santa Barbara. The event will feature more than 125 traditional and contemporary quilts. Admission is \$5. For more information, call (805) 682-0166.

The Vandenberg Spouses’ Club has scheduled a **surprise bingo night**

Camping anyone?



PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS JESSICA RAMOS

Tech. Sgt. Carolyn Coke, 76th Helicopter Flight, learns how to properly put-up a tent from Mike Michaud Jr., a check-out aid at the Outdoor

Recreation Center. The center has a large selection of outdoor equipment for rent. Stop by Building 11154 or call 606-5908 for information.

16 TUE Tuesday at the Pacific Coast Club. To sign up, people whose last names begin with the letters A through K should call Stacy Hensen at 734-7344. People whose last names begin with the letters L through Z should call Dawn Orban at 734-2218.

17 WED **“The Sound of Ecstasy, the Nectar of Enlightenment”** will be performed by Korean Buddhist monks in the ancient ceremony of Yong San at 8 p.m. Wednesday at UCSB Campbell Hall. Call (805) 893-3535 for more information.

18 THU **Military retirees** meet at 1 p.m. in the retiree activities center on the third Thursday of the month. Upcoming events include James Raggio, CEO of Lompoc Healthcare District discussing healthcare issues at 12 p.m. Oct. 18 with a pot-luck lunch to follow at 1 p.m. **Retiree Appreciation Day** will be held at 8:30 a.m. Nov. 16 in the Pacific Coast Club.

19 FRI The **Lompoc Olde Town Market** is honoring celebrities Friday during the 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. festivities. Organizers are looking for

anyone with an air speed record, an astronaut or something similar. Interested parties please contact the public affairs office at 606-3595.

The 30th Transportation Squadron presents their **5th annual Haunted Trail** on Oct. 19, 20, 26, 27 and Halloween night from 7 to 11 p.m. on Washington Road. Cost is \$3 and 25 percent of the proceeds will go to the World Trade Center/Pentagon Disaster Relief Fund. For more information, call 606-6774.

20 SAT The **2001 Chili Cook-Off**, sponsored by the Air Force Association, will be held on Oct. 20 beginning

at 8 a.m. at the Vandenberg BX Plaza. For information about rules for participation or to sign up, call Lt. Col. Tom Edwards at 606-5782.

A **Day in the Country**, an old-fashioned celebration in the community of Los Olivos, is scheduled for Oct. 20. For information, call (805) 688-1222.

21 SUN The annual **Bike Tour and Fest** benefit for the Multiple Sclerosis Society will be held Oct. 21 in Santa Barbara. The event will feature entertainment, a bike expo, beach bash and a ride along Santa Barbara’s scenic coast and hills. Call (805) 682-8783 for more information.

The **Goleta Lemon Festival** will celebrate the community’s lemon industry heritage Oct. 21 and 22 in the Stow House on 304 N. Los Carneros Road. The event will feature live entertainment, food and exhibits. For more information, call (805) 967-4618.

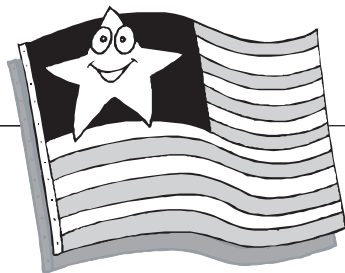
22 MON The Pops Orchestra presents **“Salute to America”** on Oct. 22, 7:30 p.m., at Trinity Church of the Nazarene in Lompoc. General Admission is \$12 for adults and \$5 for children. For more information or a season brochure, call 736-6792. Season tickets are also available.

26 FRI The **Jerusalem Trio**, winners of the 1999 Osaka Chamber Music competition, will perform in the UCSB Campbell Hall at 8 p.m. Oct. 26. For more information, call (805) 893-3535.

Participants at a children’s **October Craft Workshop** held Oct. 26 will be able to decorate several Halloween-themed items. You must supply your own white T-shirt. For more information, call the Lompoc Parks and Recreation Department at 736-6565.

28 SUN The **29th annual German-American Club Dance** will be held Oct. 28 in Santa Barbara. Call the club at (805) 897-3108 for more information.

S30th Services



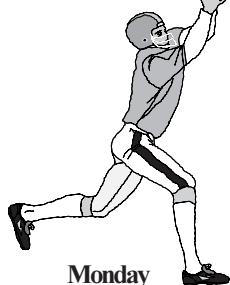
NEWS



at the Pacific Coast Club

WIN PRIZES! FOOTBALL TOSS! FOOD! FUN!

GAME SCHEDULE



Monday
Washington
vs. Dallas

Oct. 22
Philadelphia
vs. NY Giants

Oct. 29
Tennessee
vs. Pittsburgh

Nov. 5
Denver
vs. Oakland

Nov. 19
NY Giants
vs. Minnesota

Nov. 26
Tampa Bay
vs. St. Louis

Dec. 3
Green Bay
vs. Jacksonville

Dec. 10
Indianapolis
vs. Miami

Dec. 17
St. Louis
vs. New Orleans

Dec. 22
Tennessee
vs. Oakland

Dec. 29
Baltimore
vs. Tampa Bay

Call the Pacific Coast Club at 606-3330
for more information.



OCTOBER 27

2 to 3:30 p.m. at the Youth Center

This event is for children under 10 years old.
Evening dance for children ages 10 and up.



- Mini Carnival
- Arts & Crafts
- Pumpkin Carving
- Best Costume Contest



Tickets are available through
Oct. 24

\$1 for members • \$2 for nonmembers

Call the Youth Center at 606-2152 for more information.

Extended Child Care PROGRAM

Extended Child Care Program is a new program designed to provide care for Air Force parents and to increase base awareness and understanding of the role and importance of Family Child Care.

Eligible Users:

1. Active duty military personnel assigned to or living on the base, regardless of branch of service.
2. DoD civilians, appropriated and nonappropriated, assigned to the base.
3. Reservists on active duty or during inactive duty personnel training.
4. DoD contractors assigned to the base.
5. First priority must be active duty and DoD civilians.
6. Parents must be enrolled in program, Child Development Center, Youth Center or presently in a Family Child Care home.
7. FCC Coordinator will schedule all extended care.

Extended care fees have been suspended effective 20 Sept. to 20 Oct.

For more information, please call Gwen Jones at the FCC Office, 606-3255 or 606-4639.

Why Be A Family Child Care Provider?

- A good way to provide playmates and companionship for your own children.
- A way to add to the family's income without having to work outside the home.
- You provide care for military/DoD families.
- You have the satisfaction of self-employment in your own home.
- Because you enjoy children and having them in your home.

For more information on becoming a licensed Family Child Care Provider, please contact Gwen Jones at 606-3255 or 606-4639.

*A Profession Where One Person
Makes A Difference!*

SERVICES CENTER

CONTESTANTS WANTED for the
VANDENBERG FAMILY & TEEN TALENT CONTEST!

DO YOU HAVE A TALENT? Do You Dance? Sing? Play a Musical Instrument? If you have a talent and would like to enter the Talent Contest, come to the planning meeting at the Services Center, Tuesday at 6 p.m. We also need help with backstage, lighting, sound, props, etc., please call the Services Center at 605-8974 if you would like to volunteer.

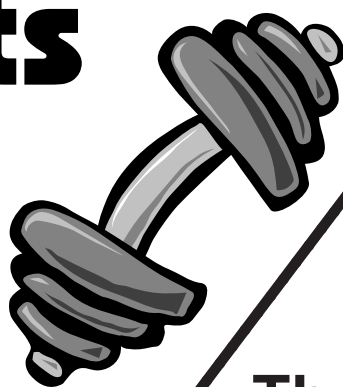
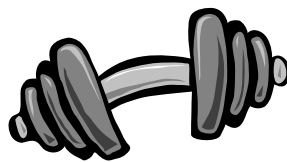
YOUTH SPORTS

VAFB YOUTH BASKETBALL SIGN UPS -
Grades: K and 1-2 Coed, 3 to 4, 5 to 6, 7 to 9 Boys' league, Girls' league: 3 to 4, 5 to 6, 7 to 8 Sign up: Saturday, and Oct. 13 and 20 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the youth soccer field snack bar. Cost: \$40 (\$35 with youth center discount) Skills Day: info at sign ups. Opening day: Dec. 1. Volunteer: Coaches, scorekeepers, officials are needed. For Information call 606-9373.

BOWLING

SATURDAY - 4-game across 8 lanes - check in at 5:30 p.m., bowl at 6 p.m. \$10 per person. The BOWLING CENTER is open on Sundays from noon to 7 p.m. Cost to bowl is just \$1.50 per game. Come join in the fun and get in a little practice.

Women On Weights

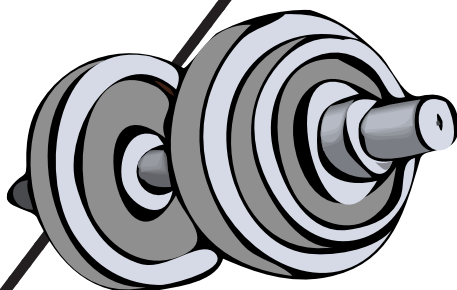
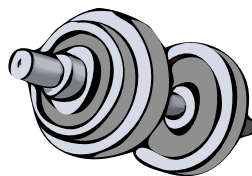


**Tuesday
9 to 10 a.m.
Fitness Center**

This is a basic level program to help beginners learn form and exercises in the weight room.

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9 to 10 a.m.
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Men On Weights

For more information, call the Fitness Center at 606-3834.

GOLF

FRIDAY - 30 COMM Squadron Mini Shotgun 12 p.m.

SATURDAY - Mens' Club Tournament Saturday & Sunday

THURSDAY - 3 p.m. deadline to sign up to play in the Fall Open Oct. 20. \$20 per player.

LIBRARY

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME - Ages 2 to 5, Thursday at 10 a.m., theme is Hispanic Heritage; Thursday, Oct. 25 theme is Pinata Party. Please sign up prior to Thursday storytime by stopping at the Library or call 606-6414

SUNDAY through Oct. 20 is Teen Read Week - Party will be held Oct. 20 at 6:30 p.m.

VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE FITNESS CENTER

Run/Walk Across America

Free Incentive Program • Starting in October

Track the mileage you run or jog and get prizes for reaching certain distances.

Sign up at the Fitness Center today • 606-3834





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Rocky Monuntain Blue ski resort opens Nov. 5. The resort will cater to military members.

New resort caters to military

By SUPUNNEE ULIBARRI

Air Force Academy Public Affairs

■ **COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo.** — Rocky Mountain Blue, a ski resort in the mountains of Colorado that caters to the military, opens its doors Nov. 5.

The resort is located in Keystone, Colo., 90 miles west of Denver.

“This is a great opportunity for our servicemembers to take part in top-quality recreational activities in a state that is renowned for its natural beauty and outdoor activities,” said Col. Dave Estill, director of services for Air Force Space Command.

The resort, a joint venture between AFSPC headquarters at Peterson AFB, Colo., the U.S. Air Force Academy here and Keystone Resorts, offers top-notch, resort-style vacationing at great prices to all Department of Defense military, civilian and nonappropriated funds employees, officials said.

Gen. Ed Eberhart, commander of AFSPC, spearheaded the concept. The idea was to build morale by providing troops and family members with an affordable opportunity to enjoy Colorado’s beauty and many recreational activities, Eberhart said.

Unlike other military resorts, such as the U.S. Army’s Shades of Green in Florida, the Air Force holds no ownership, but rather a partnership with the resort that provides benefits and services to the military community.

Keystone, available for vacationing throughout the year, has six resort neighborhoods. Accommodations at the resort range from hotel rooms to two- to four-bedroom condominiums and private homes.

Rates run as low as \$72.50 per night for hotel rooms and \$106.25 for a two bedroom-two bathroom condominium. Prices are higher during the most popular ski months.

Keystone has two championship golf courses, hiking, biking and various water activities such as canoeing and paddling. Entertainment and dining options are kept at a year-round high with musical events and various festivals such as the upcoming military family SnoFest scheduled for Feb. 22 to 24.

Guests receive 15-percent discounts at resort-owned food outlets, retail shops and for recreation activities such as golf and horseback riding. Special discounts are also offered on ski lift tickets.

To receive the special discounts, DOD people must book their rooms through USAFA Colorado R&R, the exclusive sales agent for Rocky Mountain Blue. Sales agents said people early for rooms, and recommend the online service for added convenience.

For more information, visit Rocky Mountain Blue’s Web site at www.rockymountainblue.com, call (719) 333-2132 or toll free at (877) 517-3381. Conferences can be booked by calling (719) 333-2802.

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RESCUE

Nevada CAP exercise turns into real-life mission

■ **LAS VEGAS Nv.** — Recently people from the Nevada wing of the Civil Air Patrol assembled at the North Las Vegas Airport to hone their skills during a training exercise, but a real-life mission would soon put them to the test.

As the group reviewed exercise plans, novice pilot Jim Brow was test-flying an ultralight aircraft — or powered parachute in the nearby town of Mesquite.

As he guided the powered parachute along the mountains and canyons of the Nevada countryside, he began to lose altitude. He slowly drifted in descent across a small canyon, steering the aircraft with a foot bar, looking for a soft, safe landing spot.

Suddenly, a downdraft forced the aircraft down onto a tree, fracturing Brow’s leg. Brow was able to climb into the passenger’s seat and began broadcasting a mayday alert. He scanned different frequencies, hoping a nearby aircraft would pick up the distress signal.

CAP 1st Lt. Jim Montgomery, a command aircraft pilot, was flying nearby. He picked up Brow’s distress message, and immediately began circling the area. A few minutes later, Nevada Wing Commander Matt Wallace took over low-cover flying, allowing the command aircraft a higher position to relay information back to the mission base. CAP Lt. Col. Rezik Mohamed, incident commander, alerted local officials of the location and nature of the accident.

The Bunker Volunteer Fire Department dispatched an ambulance with two emergency medical technicians, while two others followed in a private vehicle. It would be more than hour before they could travel the 15 miles, with Wallace using a cell phone to guide them over desert roads and winding mountain trails to the rugged valley where Brow lay wounded.

Wallace circled Brow’s location for nearly two hours consoling and reassuring him as the sun climbed higher and beat down on the injured pilot. When the EMTs arrived at the site, they summoned a medical helicopter to transport him to a hospital in St. George, Utah.

A few days later, Brow was released from the hospital.

“If it hadn’t been for (the) Civil Air Patrol,” Brow said, “I’m not sure what I’d done. I can’t say enough good things about Civil Air Patrol and Matt Wallace.”

Civil Air Patrol, the official Air Force auxiliary, is a nonprofit organization. It performs more than 85 percent of inland search and rescue missions in the continental United States as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center.

Volunteers also take a leading role in aerospace education and serve as mentors to America’s youths through CAP cadet programs.

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Be Vigilant

A routine sense of security and complacency are allies terrorists depend on for a successful mission. They can be defeated as long as everyone is aware of what’s going on around them. Report suspicious activity to th 30th Security Forces Squadron at 606-3911.

